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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ERICH VON MARBOD TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN

1. AT YOUR DISCRETION, PLEASE HAVE FOLLOWING LETTER
DELIVERED TO GENERAL HASSAN TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF
WAR. QUOTE: I DEEPLY REGRET THAT EVENTS PREVENT ME FROM
PERSONALLY REVIEWING WITH YOU THE PRESENT PLANS FOR THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF MY GOVERNMENT FOR THE SALE OF AWACS
TO THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. ALL IN THE DEPART-
MENT OF DEFENSE ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT THIS SALE AND ANY
ASSOCIATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO
YOUR SUPREME COMMANDER, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY; YET EQUALLY
RESPONSIVE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS.

2. MY SUPERIOR, GENERAL HOWARD FISH, WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS
ARE WELL KNOWN TO YOU, AND WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OF AWACS AND
THE PROBLEMS AT ISSUE ARE UNEXCELLED, WILL LEAVE FOR IRAN
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1977. HE INTENDS TO MEET WITH YOU,
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AS YOU MAY WISH, REVIEWING CAREFULLY THE ASSURANCES PRO-
POSED TO BE PROVIDED THE U.S. CONGRESS. I AM CERTAIN
HE WILL SATISFY ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT
AND YOU WILL FIND THAT THESE ASSURANCES GIVE FULL MEASURE
OF CONSIDERATION TO THE DEFENSE NEEDS AND THE SOVEREIGNTY

AND RESPECT DUE TO IRAN.

3. WHILE GENERAL FISH IS IN IRAN, I WILL BE COORDINATING PREPARATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FORTH-COMING PRESENTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE AWACS SALE TO OUR CONGRESS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO A VISIT TO IRAN TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE AWACS LETTER OF OFFER AFTER OUR EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER ARE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

5. MRS. VON MARBOD JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR DEEPEST RESPECT AND WARMEST PERSONAL REGARD TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. RESPECTFULLY, ERICH VON MARBOD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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